

kansas is agreed to that the bill can be considered under unanimous-consent request—do I state it correctly that there will be the opportunity for striking out the last word and having an opportunity to speak?

THE SPEAKER:⁽¹⁷⁾ The bill is to be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole, and motions to strike out the last word will be in order.

MR. BYRNES of Wisconsin: Will the gentleman make the request that the bill be considered in the House as in the Committee of the Whole?

THE SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the unanimous-consent request will automatically carry that privilege.

Requests for Immediate Consideration

§ 2.3 The Speaker may recognize a Member to ask for the immediate consideration of an important bill pending on the Union Calendar.

On Apr. 6, 1966,⁽¹⁸⁾ the Speaker⁽¹⁹⁾ made the following statement:

THE SPEAKER: The next order of business is the matters that were passed over from Monday and Tuesday. However, the Chair desires to state that there is a bill out of the Committee on Ways and Means relating to the extension of time for filing for medicare. If there is no objection on the part of the House, the Chair would like to recognize the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Mills) to submit a unanimous-consent request to bring this bill up. The Chair also understands it is the intention to have a rollcall on the bill. The Chair is trying to work this out for the benefit of the Members. Is there objection to the Chair recognizing the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Mills), for the purpose stated by the Chair? The Chair hears none and recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Mills).

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

§ 3. In General

The Consent Calendar is a device provided for in the rules of the House of Representatives by which noncontroversial bills and

resolutions may be granted immediate consideration on the first and third Mondays of each month.

17. John W. McCormack (Mass.).

18. 112 CONG. REC. 7749, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.

19. John W. McCormack (Mass.).

1. Rule XIII clause 4, *House Rules and Manual* § 746 (1981).

The rule governing the Consent Calendar⁽¹⁾ was adopted on Mar. 15, 1909, and amended in 1924, 1925, 1931, and 1932.⁽²⁾

§ 4. When in Order

The applicable House rule⁽³⁾ provides that the Consent Calendar shall be in order on the first and third Mondays of each month. However, the House has agreed to consider it on other days to assure that it will be called when the House will be in session⁽⁴⁾ or to dispense with it because of other pressing House business.⁽⁵⁾

Change of Day for Call

§ 4.1 The day for the call of the Consent Calendar is often changed by unanimous consent.

For example, on Mar. 29, 1961,⁽⁶⁾ Mr. John W. McCormack,

2. A description of the original rule and its subsequent amendments is found in 7 Cannon's Precedents §972.
3. Rule XIII clause 4, *House Rules and Manual* §746 (1981).
4. See § 4.1, *infra*.
5. See § 4.2, *infra*.
6. 107 CONG. REC. 5289, 5290, 87th Cong. 1st. Sess.
7. The date has been changed because of the intervention of numerous other holidays. For example: (1)

of Massachusetts, asked unanimous consent that the call of the Consent Calendar be made in order on the second Tuesday of the month due to the adjournment of the House for Easter recess.

There was no objection.⁽⁷⁾

Suspension for Other Business

§ 4.2 Calls of Consent and Private Calendars may, by unanimous consent, be dispensed with to facilitate consideration of other business.

On Jan. 31, 1964,⁽⁸⁾ Mr. Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, asked unanimous consent that the call of the Consent Calendar on the following Monday and the Private Calendar on the following Tuesday be dispensed with.

In response to a parliamentary inquiry, the Majority Leader announced that the House would continue to consider the Civil Rights Act during this period.

There was no objection.

7. The date has been changed because of the intervention of numerous other holidays. For example: (1) change due to Fourth of July (107 CONG. REC. 10856, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., June 20, 1961); and (2) change due to Labor Day (109 CONG. REC. 16159, 88th Cong. 1st Sess., Aug. 28, 1963).
8. 110 CONG. REC. 1552, 88th Cong. 2d Sess.